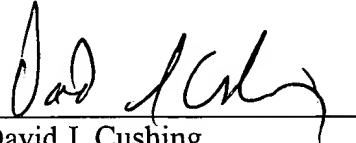


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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of evaluating the quality of a radio link in a mobile radiocommunication system, said method comprising the steps of determining a [from the] net bit rate transmitted on said link and evaluating said quality in accordance with the determined net bit rate.

11. (Amended) A mobile radiocommunication system for implementing the method claimed in claim 1 [and adapted to evaluate], said system including a quality evaluator for evaluating the quality of a radio link from the net bit rate transmitted on said link.

14. (Amended) A mobile radiocommunication network entity for implementing the method claimed in claim 1 [and adapted to evaluate], said network entity including a quality evaluator for evaluating the quality of a radio link from the net bit rate transmitted on said link.

17. (Amended) A mobile station for implementing the method claimed in claim 1 [and adapted to evaluate], said station including a quality evaluator for evaluating the quality of a radio link from the net bit rate transmitted on said link.